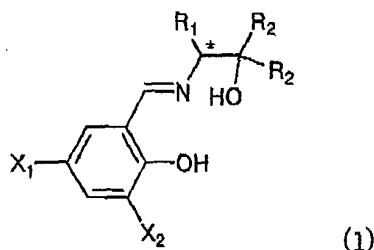


Abstract of Disclosure

There is disclosed an optically active salicylideneaminoalcohol compound of formula (1):

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wherein R_1 represents an alkyl group or the like, R_2 represents an aryl group and the like, and

when X_1 represents a nitro, X_2 is a hydrogen atom,

10 when X_1 represents a chlorine atom, X_2 is a chlorine atom, and

when X_1 is a hydrogen atom, X_2 is a fluorine atom; and

the carbon atom denoted by " * " is an asymmetric carbon atom having either an S or R configuration, and a chiral copper complex produced from the optically active salicylideneaminoalcohol compound and a copper

15 compound.